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Agriculture

NOLA: ARVL 000101
Series Title: America Revealed
Episode Title: Food Machine
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/16/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Over the past century, an American industrial revolution has given rise to the biggest, most productive food machine the world has ever known. Join host Yul Kwon to learn how this machine feeds nearly 300 million Americans every day. Discover engineering marvels created by putting nature to work, and consider the toll our insatiable appetites take on our health and environment. Embark with Kwon on a trip that begins with a pizza delivery route in New York City, then goes across the country to California's Central Valley, where nearly 50 percent of America's fruits, nuts and vegetables are grown, and into the heartland for an aerial look at our farmlands. Meet the men and women who keep us fed - everyone from industrial to urban farmers, crop-dusting pilots to long-distance bee truckers, modern-day cowboys to the pizza deliveryman.

NOLA: FOOD 000101
Series Title: Food Forward
Episode Title: Urban Agriculture Across America
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/11/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

From the rooftop farms of New York City to the food deserts in Detroit, FOOD FORWARD explores the explosion of urban agriculture across America. Meet food rebel John Mooney, whose space-age hydroponic farm on top of a historic building in the West Village of Manhattan is a window into the future of rooftop farming. In Milwaukee, meet the biggest name in urban agriculture, Will Allen, who inspires a new generation of aquaponic innovators. Learn of one woman's transition from hanging out to harvesting food on the streets of West Oakland. Finally, in Detroit, the story of Travis Roberts, an 18-year-old who grew up watching the city struggle with increasing urban blight. In trouble and more than 100 pounds overweight, he discovered the city's urban agriculture movement and found a new purpose in life through urban chicken farming. Travis is joined by a cast of powerful characters in Detroit that are rebuilding their city, block by block.

NOLA: INLE 001320
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Facing the Storm: Story of the American Bison
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/2/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Bison have had a rich and complex relationship with the people of North America. From the first Americans who relied on bison for food, shelter and clothing to modern wildlife conservationists who are struggling to re-establish a place for bison in the Great Plains, this program introduces viewers to a rich history of human sustenance, exploitation, conservation and spiritual relations with the ultimate icon of wild America.

NOLA: MLNH 010348
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/12/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:16

As Farmers Age, Japan Rethinks Relationship With Food, Fields: As its farmers get too old to work the land, Japan is grappling with a question now facing many industrialized nations: Who will grow our food in the future? Reporter Sam Eaton presents the latest in the Food for 9 Billion series.

American History/Biography

NOLA: TILG 000000
Series Title: Titanic with Len Goodman; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/10/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:54:30

Join Len Goodman, a judge on "Dancing With the Stars," as he examines the 100-year legacy of the Titanic, exploring the human stories that unfolded in the years after the ship sank. He meets descendants of passengers and crew and hears how, for the families of many on board, the sinking was just the start of the story. He visits Belfast, the city where Titanic was built, and journeys to other towns left scarred by the tragedy.

NOLA: JCAR 000000
Series Title: Johnny Carson: American Masters
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/14/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format:
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Explore the life and career of "The Tonight Show" host – seen by more people than anyone else in U.S. history – through unprecedented access to Carson's personal and professional archives, including all existing episodes of "The Tonight Show" from 1962-1992. Interviews with family, colleagues and performers who appeared, or began, on "The Tonight Show" illuminate his story: David Letterman, Jay Leno, Ellen DeGeneres, Conan O'Brien, Jerry Seinfeld, Steve Martin, Joan Rivers, Mel Brooks, Angie Dickinson, David Steinberg, Don Rickles, Carl Reiner, Doc Severinsen and others. Kevin Spacey narrates.

NOLA: MLNH 010344
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/6/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:20

Remembering Ray Bradbury and His 'Cautionary Tales': Ray Bradbury, author of classic books such as "Fahrenheit 451" and "The Martian Chronicles," died Tuesday night at the age of 91. Jeffrey Brown and bestselling novelist Lev Grossman, who is also a book critic for Time magazine, discuss Bradbury's life, work and literary legacy.

Arts

NOLA: INLE 001318
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: When the Drum Is Beating
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/18/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This documentary explores Haiti's complex past and present through the music of the country's oldest and best-known band and the memories of its founder and leader, Ulric Pierre-Louis. As Haiti disintegrates around them, the three generations of musicians who make up Septentrional struggle to persevere and prevent this national treasure from being lost forever.

NOLA: ARTF 000603
Series Title: Art in the Twenty-First Century
Episode Title: History
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/27/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In this episode, artists Glenn Ligon, Mary Reid Kelley and Marina Abramovic play with historical events, explore and expose commonly held assumptions about historic "truth" and create narratives based on personal experiences.

NOLA: CRIA 000401
Series Title: Craft in America
Episode Title: Threads
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/11/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Explore woven textiles and story quilts by artists Faith Ringgold of Harlem, Randall Darwall of Cape Cod, Consuelo Jimenez Underwood in California and Terese Agnew in Wisconsin.

Faith Ringgold is an internationally celebrated artist, teacher, author and founding member of the National Black Feminist Organization. She creates painted "story quilts," many which highlight the master artists of Harlem, where she grew up and taught for many years.

Weaver Randall Darwall says, "Why use five colors when fifty will do nicely?" He created a cottage industry on Cape Cod where he and his partner, Brian Murphy, collaborate and employ a community of artisans to craft textiles that explore color, landscape and the beauty of hand-dyed weaving.

San Jose State University professor emeritus Consuelo Jimenez Underwood's story began in the fields of California, where as a child, she was a migrant farm worker. Her artwork is now in the Smithsonian. "Indigenous women throughout the world know this medium - the thread. And the best thing about this art form is that you don't need industry. You can do it with four sticks tied to your back. When I weave, I keep the ancient traditions alive."

Terese Agnew caused a national stir with her quilt, Portrait of a Textile Worker, depicting a young sweatshop employee, which she created by stitching together more than 30,000 designer clothing labels. She quotes Leon Golub who said, "As artists, we're in the consciousness raising industry." Portrait of a Textile Worker is the story of inspiration, community, social action and the dedication of a singular artist.

NOLA: ARTF 000604
Series Title: Art in the Twenty-First Century
Episode Title: Balance
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/4/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The artists in this episode, Rackstraw Downes, Robert Mangold and Sarah Sze, create ordered and precise works that explore the gap between art and existence, challenge the distinction between seeing and knowing and demonstrate that the pursuit of harmony can be a radical proposition.

Business/Industry

NOLA: ARVL 000103
Series Title: America Revealed
Episode Title: Electric Nation
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/25/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Our modern electric power grid has been called the biggest and most complex machine in the world – delivering electricity over 200,000 miles of high-tension transmission lines. Travel around the country with host Yul Kwon to understand its intricacies, its vulnerabilities and the remarkable ingenuity required to keep the electricity on, every day of the year. At New York State's governing grid control room, learn how a massive blackout cut power to 40 million Americans; to understand how we can protect against this type of colossal failure, join a team who makes daring repairs from the side of a helicopter in flight. Visit the country's largest coal mine, rappel down the side of a wind turbine, take a rare tour of a nuclear plant and travel on a massive tanker – as Kwon reflects on the challenges and opportunities to keep the power flowing.

NOLA: FRON 003007
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Cell Tower Deaths
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/22/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The smartphone revolution comes with a hidden cost. This joint investigation by FRONTLINE and ProPublica explores the hazardous work of independent contractors who are building and servicing America's expanding cellular infrastructure. While some tower climbers say they are under pressure to cut corners, layers of subcontracting make it difficult for safety inspectors to determine fault when a tower worker is killed or injured. Also this hour: nearly four years after the financial crisis, yet another scandal rocks Wall Street. Jon Corzine, former head of Goldman Sachs and political power broker, took over MF Global in the spring of 2010 with oversize ambition and a passion for risk. But after a massive bet on European debt turned sour, the firm lay in ruins, with more than a billion dollars of customer funds missing. FRONTLINE investigates how Corzine's traders went around MF Global's risk officers and how he swayed regulators in Washington to allow risky practices to continue.

NOLA: MLNH 010298
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/3/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:02

Food for 9 Billion: Business Fund Puts African Farmers on Road to Market: In Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi, a new approach to small-scale farming has spread to more than 100,000 families in just four years. Part of the Food for 9 Billion series, Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on an organization called One Acre Fund that brings struggling farmers together, offering them training, resources and market access.

NOLA: MLNH 010349
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/13/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:13:32

JPMorgan Chase's Big Losses, Big Risk: Blip on Radar or Systemic? JPMorgan Chase's chairman and chief executive, Jamie Dimon, testified before the Senate Banking Committee about the massive trading losses incurred at his company. Paul Solman reports as part of his Making Sense series. Then, Gwen Ifill and guests discuss the implications of financial regulation on Wall Street.

Community Politics, Government

NOLA: PPLT 000000
Series Title: Powering the Planet - Earth: The Operators' Manual
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/22/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:49:24

Take an eye-opening look at some of the world's most important case studies in energy policy. In Spain and Morocco, large-scale solar farms and individual photovoltaic panels atop tents in the Sahara are beginning to bring the vast potential of the sun down to Earth. In Brazil, abundant natural resources – sun, rain and sugar cane – are transformed into efficient, sustainable biofuel, making Brazil the only nation whose cars could run normally if gasoline were to vanish. In Samsø, Denmark, and in West Texas, citizens have taken sustainability – and economic realities – into their own hands by becoming stakeholders in wind turbines. In China, a full-throttle approach to multiple sustainable energy technologies is giving rise to a "new empire of clean tech." What about America? One energy insider predicts an "energy abyss" if smart decisions aren't made. Learn how great nations and small communities are finding sustainable solutions that provide for people and protect the planet.

NOLA: INLE 001321
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Circo
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/9/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The Ponce family's hardscrabble circus has lived and performed on the back roads of Mexico since the 19th century, but can their way of life survive into the 21st? "Circo" (Circus) intimately portrays the Ponce family circus as it struggles to make a living from its artistry, sweat and wit against the backdrop of Mexico's collapsing rural economy.

NOLA: INLE 001326
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: We Were Here
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/19/2012 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

When AIDS arrived in San Francisco in 1981, it decimated a community, but also brought people together in inspiring and moving ways to support and care for one another and to fight for dignity and a cure. By David Weissman.

Consumerism

NOLA: MLNH 010300
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/5/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:20

For Troubled Media Industry, Some Hope as Mobile News Consumption Grows: As more Americans use mobile devices and social media to consume their news, the appeal of traditional news outlets is up, according to a new report from the Pew Research Center that scrutinizes the industry's health. Judy Woodruff and the Center's Mark Jurkowitz discuss some encouraging developments amid ongoing industry woes.

NOLA: CIVI 000102
Series Title: Civilization: The West and the Rest with Niall Ferguson
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/29/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The two-part series examines Niall Ferguson's six principles of prosperity: Competition, Science, Modern Medicine, Property, Consumerism, and Work Ethic. For the past five centuries, Western power has prevailed around the world. What led the West to be so influential? And how long will the West sustain its supremacy?

NOLA: MLNH 010350
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/14/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:21

Are Western Consumers Willing to Pay More for Apparel? Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on the working conditions in Cambodia's garment industry, which exports much its clothing to the United States.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

NOLA: PNRE 001533
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/14/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Trayvon Martin Case: Racism, Violence, and Justice: People of faith, black and white, need to be involved in resolving conflict through means that are other than violent, says Harold Dean Trulear, who teaches applied theology at Howard University School of Divinity. Two Pastors: Two United Church of Christ pastors have written a book about their experiences in the ministry and their work as pastoral leaders. Caring for an Aging Parent: "A lot of people in caregiving situations ask, 'Why is God doing this to me? Where is God in the midst of all this?'" and they really struggle with spiritual matters," says Rev. Kate Bryant. Her church started a special ministry to support parental caregivers.

NOLA: FRON 003010
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: The Real CSI
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/17/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

From the courtroom to the living room (thanks to the hit television series CSI), forensic science is king. Expertise on fingerprints, ballistics and bite mark analysis are routinely called on to solve the most difficult criminal cases - and to put the guilty behind bars. But how reliable is the science behind forensics? A FRONTLINE investigation finds serious flaws in some of the best-known tools of forensic science and wide inconsistencies in how forensic evidence is presented in the courtroom. From the sensational murder trial of Casey Anthony and the FBI's botched investigation of the Madrid terrorist bombing to capital cases in rural Mississippi, FRONTLINE documents how a field with few uniform standards and unproven science can undermine the search for justice. As part of the investigative series Post Mortem, Correspondent Lowell Bergman reports in a joint investigation with ProPublica and the Investigative Reporting Program at UC Berkeley.

NOLA: PNRE 001539
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/26/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Catholic Institutions v Obama Administration: Catholic groups, including Cardinal Timothy Dolan's archdiocese of New York, filed lawsuits in federal courts on May 21 to stop the Obama administration from implementing a mandate that would require them to cover contraceptives in their health plans. Women in Theology and Ministry: "To have a situation in which we recognize the full equality of women changes everything," says Union Theological Seminary president Serene Jones. Juvenile Justice: The Supreme Court will rule on sentencing juveniles convicted of murder to life with no parole. Justice Scalia told the Court "the American people...have decided that's the rule." But Justice Ginsburg suggested such sentencing makes a juvenile "a throw-away person."

NOLA: MLNH 010341
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/1/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:07:04

Jury Starts Deliberation in Philadelphia Trial Over Concealing Pedophile Priests: A Philadelphia jury began deliberating Friday in a landmark criminal case against Monsignor William Lynn, the first Catholic Church figure to be targeted not for molesting children, but for concealing the abuse. Margaret Warner talks with John Martin of the Philadelphia Inquirer about the emotional trial.

Culture

NOLA: ARTF 000601
Series Title: Art in the Twenty-First Century
Episode Title: Change
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/13/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Artists Ai Weiwei, El Anatsui and Catherine Opie bear witness, through their work, to transformation – cultural, material and aesthetic – and actively engage communities as collaborators and subjects.

NOLA: INLE 001322
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Summer Pasture
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/15/2012 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

"Summer Pasture" is the story of a young nomadic couple living with their infant daughter in the high grasslands of eastern Tibet. The film offers a rare window into a highly insular community seldom seen by outsiders. In the collective imagination of Tibet, nomads have traditionally occupied a dual role – romanticized as embodying the purest form of Tibetan identity and mocked as being backwards, uncivilized and inferior.

NOLA: CIVI 000101
Series Title: Civilization: The West and the Rest with Niall Ferguson
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/22/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Examine the rise of the West's economic ascendancy based on Niall Ferguson's six principles of prosperity: competition, science, modern medicine, democracy, consumerism and work ethic. The programs are adapted from Ferguson's book, Civilization: The West and the Rest.

Economy

NOLA: WWIR 005143
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/20/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Conflicting polls show both Mitt Romney and President Obama leading in November's election. What do the numbers reveal? Plus, a breakdown of the candidates' economic plans. Also, Super PAC numbers, the Secret Service prostitution scandal & the GSA spending scandal. Joining Gwen: Michael Duffy, TIME; Jim Tankersley, National Journal; Jeff Zeleny, New York Times; Jeanne Cummings, Bloomberg News.

NOLA: FRON 003011 Stacked
Series Title: Frontline | Money, Power and Wall Street
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 4/24/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the first hour, FRONTLINE tells the story of the rise of modern finance. A revolution in banking begins at a luxury hotel in Boca Raton, FL, where a rowdy team from J. P. Morgan invents a new marketplace for trading risk. Correspondent Martin Smith interviews leading bankers, officials and journalists to explain how financial engineering on Wall Street brought the global economy to its knees – and the reverberations are still being felt along Main Street. In the second hour, FRONTLINE producer Michael Kirk investigates how the country's leaders failed to prevent an oncoming crisis and ended up initiating the largest government bailout in history. Told by participants from Washington and Wall Street, the story includes inside accounts from the campaign of presidential candidate Barack Obama. By the time of his election Obama is thoroughly up to speed on the disaster, but the question remains – what can he do once he takes office?

NOLA: FRON 003013 Stacked
Series Title: Frontline | Money, Power and Wall Street
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This episodes opens with Barack Obama taking office in the midst of the worst economic crisis in 80 years. To the surprise of many, he adopts a strategy to help the very Wall Street firms that plunged the American economy into chaos. FRONTLINE goes inside the White House to meet the key figures locked in a fierce debate over the administration's game plan and follows those who said they had no choice but to rescue Wall Street. Did they choose the right course? In the final hour, FRONTLINE probes into a Wall Street culture that remains focused on making risky trades. Bankers left an ugly trail of deals extending from small American cities to European capitals. For more than three years, regulators have tried to fix an industry steeped in conflicts of interest, excessive risk taking and incentives to cheat. New rules and regulations are being written, but can they fend off the next crisis?

NOLA: MLNH 010351
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/15/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:15

How Greece's Election Could Shape Global Economy: Leaders around the world are closely watching this weekend's elections in Greece, where the outcome could have serious repercussions for the global economy. Judy Woodruff and journalist John Psaropoulos, reporting from Athens, discuss the atmosphere in Greece and what election results might mean for the rest of the world.

Education

NOLA: MLNH 010303
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/10/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:21

California Community Colleges Face Dilemmas Amid Tighter Budgets: With 2.6 million students, California's community colleges make up the largest higher educational system in the country. Spencer Michels reports on the system's efforts to reshape its future as budget problems have forced the state to cut back support and tuition hikes have sparked student protests.

NOLA: INLE 001323
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Precious Knowledge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/23/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Tucson High School's Mexican American Studies Program has become a national model of educational success, with 100 percent of enrolled students graduating from high school and 85 percent going on to college. "Precious Knowledge" filmmakers spent an entire year in the classroom filming this innovative social-justice curriculum, documenting the transformative impact on students who become engaged, informed and active in their communities. Arizona lawmakers recently passed a bill giving unilateral power to the state superintendent to abolish ethnic studies classes. This documentary provides an insider's perspective as student leaders fight to save their classes, mobilizing rapidly with texts, Facebook, optimism and a megaphone. Lawmakers and politicians mount a public relations campaign to discredit the passionate students, claiming that Paulo Freire's textbook *The Pedagogy of the Oppressed* teaches victimization and sedition.

NOLA: MLNH 010343
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/5/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:39

Are Teachers Too Easily Caught in Crossfire Over Student Achievement? Part of the American Graduate project addressing the country's high school dropout crisis, Ray Suarez and former Deputy Secretary of Education Diane Ravitch discuss education reform and her approach to teacher accountability.

Employment

NOLA: MLNH 010301
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/6/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:00

Weaker U.S. Jobs Report Prompts More Questions Over Size of Labor Force: New jobs numbers released Friday showed unemployment ticking down to 8.2 percent, the lowest since January 2009, despite only 121,000 jobs added in March. Judy Woodruff and The Economist's Greg Ip discuss what's behind the weaker-than-expected report and why many Americans appear to be dropping out of the labor force altogether.

NOLA: MLNH 010327
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/14/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:01

Unemployment: Addressing a Worsening 'Human Disaster' in U.S.: Some 5 million Americans have been looking for work for more than six months, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Dean Baker of the Center for Economic and Policy Research and Kevin Hassett of the American Enterprise Institute who say the "human disaster" has potential generations-long effects.

NOLA: WWIR 005149
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 6/1/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

What do disappointing job numbers mean for the already unemployed and the state of economic recovery? Mitt Romney wins enough delegates to make him the unofficial Republican nominee and finds himself in a dead heat with President Obama in three key swing states. Plus the latest on the crisis in Syria. Joining Gwen: Jim Tankersley, National Journal; Dan Balz, Washington Post; Helene Cooper, New York Times.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

NOLA: NAAT 002909
Series Title: Nature | Ocean Giants
Episode Title: Deep Thinkers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/4/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:49:38

In some respects, the brains of whales and dolphins are more complex than ours. Whales and dolphins work cooperatively, show empathy and are self-aware. "Deep Thinkers" finds out how clever--and how much like us--whales and dolphins might be.

NOLA: NAAT 002911
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: River of No Return
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/18/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:40

Central Idaho's Frank Church - River of No Return Wilderness is the largest contiguous wilderness area in the lower 48 States. Endless rugged mountains, wild rivers, forests and deep canyons define this land - home to numerous species of wildlife, including wolves, who have just returned after 50 years of near absence. A young couple, Isaac and Bjornen Babcock, chose this wilderness for their year-long honeymoon. But what begins as a romantic adventure becomes something much greater for the couple - and a tale of hope and celebration for every life trying to make it in the unforgiving heart of the wilderness.

NOLA: NAAT 002912
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The White Lions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/23/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:37

This is the story of two remarkable and extremely rare white lion cubs on their journey to adulthood. Both are female, sisters born as white as snow in May 2009 in South Africa's Kruger Park. Growing up on the savanna, they must overcome not only the same survival challenges that all young lion cubs must face, they must also overcome the threats their high visibility brings.

NOLA: NAAT 002913
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Cracking the Koala Code
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/16/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:38

Follow individual koalas from a small social group on an Australian island to learn just how a koala manages to survive and thrive on a diet poisonous to almost all other herbivorous mammals. From the miracle of marsupial birth to tender moments of discovery between mother and newborn joey, encounters with threatening forest creatures, battles between rival males and the complex chorus of bellows and grunts that have become so important to science – join leading scientists as they unravel just what a forest needs to support a healthy population of koalas by listening to these marsupials themselves and cracking the koala code.

Family/Marriage

NOLA: FIYO 000106
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Maggie Gyllenhaal / Robert Downey, Jr.
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/22/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The ancestral pasts of actors Robert Downey, Jr. and Maggie Gyllenhaal: two individuals whose family histories can be traced far back through the centuries.

NOLA: WWIR 005146
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/11/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

What's the political fallout of President Obama's support for same-sex marriage? Plus, longtime Senator Richard Lugar, R-Ind., lost his party's primary. What does that mean for moderate republicans and incumbents? Also, the double-agent al-Qaeda plotter. Joining Gwen: Major Garrett, National Journal; John Dickerson, Slate Magazine & CBS News; Susan Davis, USA Today; Pierre Thomas, ABC News.

NOLA: MLNH 010340
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/31/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:10

News Wrap: Obama Presses European Leaders Over Financial Reforms: In other news Thursday, President Obama pressed European leaders to take action on their currency system amidst financial and political upheaval across the continent. Also, a federal appeals court in Boston declared that the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act discriminates against gay married couples.

NOLA: MLNH 010348
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/12/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:22

Families' Plummeting Wealth Reflects 'Deep Mess' Americans Face: The net worth of the median American family fell nearly 40 percent from 2007 to 2010, the Federal Reserve reported this week. Gwen Ifill discusses the effects of and the reasons behind the precipitous decline in wealth with Paul Taylor of the Pew Research Center and Robert Shapiro of Sonecon, an economic advisory firm.

Health/Health Care

NOLA: MLNH 010299
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/4/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:28

Medical Groups Call on Doctors to 'Choose Wisely,' Perform Fewer Tests: Nine medical specialty groups on Wednesday released a list of 45 medical tests and procedures they say are often unnecessary and costly--and sometimes dangerous. Gwen Ifill discusses the "Choose Wisely" campaign with Dr. Glen Stream of the American Academy of Family Physicians and Dr. Eric Topol of Scripps Health.

NOLA: MLNH 010311
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/20/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:36

Tech's Next Feats? Maybe On-Demand Kidneys, Robot Sex, Cheap Solar, Lab Meat: Optimists at Silicon Valley think tank Singularity University are pushing the frontiers of human progress through innovation and emerging technologies, looking to greater longevity and better health. As part of his series on Making Sense of financial news, correspondent Paul Solman explores a future of "exponential growth."

NOLA: KSAE 000000
Series Title: Kathy Smith Ageless Energy
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/2/2012 11:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Health – specifically, being able to maintain an active lifestyle and stay energetic – is a top priority and key concern for many. This new special from fitness icon Kathy Smith addresses and provides solutions to the "personal energy crisis" of viewers, specifically those over the age of 50. Topics discussed include Kathy's four pillars of energy, why energy is the key to staying youthful, the importance of functional fitness and strength training, and why it's never too late to get fit.

Media

NOLA: INLE 001317
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Being Elmo: A Puppeteer's Journey
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 4/5/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

When Kevin Clash was a boy, he built his own puppets and staged shows for the neighborhood. Today, he is living his ultimate dream as the big man behind the little furry Muppet Elmo on Sesame Street.

NOLA: ARTF 000602
Series Title: Art in the Twenty-First Century
Episode Title: Boundaries
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/20/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The artists in this episode, David Altmejd, Tabaimo and Lynda Benglis, synthesize disparate aesthetic traditions, present taboo subject matter, discover innovative uses of media and explore the shape-shifting potential of the human figure.

NOLA: MLNH 010350
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/14/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:37

Political Parodies on Twitter: 'Mockery Can Be a Very Effective Tool': As part of an ongoing series on how candidates use social media this election season, Margaret Warner and journalists Lauren Ashburn and Howard Kurtz of Daily-Download.com discuss how parody accounts of politicians and surrogates on Twitter and Pinterest are creating buzz online.

Minorities/Civil Rights

NOLA: FIYO 000107
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Samuel L. Jackson / Condoleezza Rice / Ruth Simmons
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/29/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. reveals the ancestral pasts of actor Samuel L. Jackson, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and Brown University President Ruth Simmons.

NOLA: PNRE 001536
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/5/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Drone Ethics: In the wake of White House counterterrorism advisor John Brennan's speech on drone ethics and targeted killing, we talk to Yale Law School professor Stephen Carter, author of *The Violence of Peace: America's Wars in the Age of Obama*. Kashmir Dispute: In this territorial dispute between India and Pakistan in what may be the world's most militarized region, there are direct links between water availability, rising terrorism, and religious extremism among Hindus and Muslims. African-American Spirituals: Generations of African slaves found a powerful way of singing through suffering in spirituals that were rooted in biblical stories and images.

NOLA: PNRE 001538
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/19/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Rev. Fred Luter Jr.: The nation's largest Protestant denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, is expected to elect its first African-American president this June in New Orleans. His name is Fred Luter, and he says the SBC has "a heart for reaching people in difficult times." Cambodia Garment Worker Justice: Activist groups should bring about a greater awareness of worker rights issues and add a moral voice to global economic matters, says David Schilling of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility.

NOLA: MLNH 010341
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/1/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:09:06

In Louisiana, Rising Seas Threaten Native Americans' Land: Native Americans' tribal lands along the Louisiana coast are washing away as sea levels rise and marshes sink. Part of our *Coping with Climate Change* series, Hari Sreenivasan reports from Isle de Jean Charles, a community that is slowly disappearing into the sea.

National Politics/Government

NOLA: WWIR 005141
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/6/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

After three big wins Mitt Romney has scored more than half of the delegates needed for the GOP presidential nomination. Plus, new unemployment numbers shed light on the economy. Also, female voters, the President's Supreme Court remarks and more. Joining Gwen: John Dickerson, Slate Magazine/CBS News; Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; Jackie Calmes, New York Times; David Wessel, Wall Street Journal.

NOLA: MLNH 010307
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/16/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:02

Secret Service Scandal: What's Known, What's Under Investigation? The Secret Service sent 11 agents home after allegations of misconduct arose involving prostitutes at their hotel in Colombia ahead of President Obama's trip to the Summit of the Americas. Margaret Warner discusses the allegations with former Secret Service chief Ralph Basham and The Wall Street Journal's Laura Meckler.

NOLA: WWIR 005147
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/18/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As attacks fly between President Obama and Mitt Romney, a conservative super PACs developed a controversial Rev. Wright ad campaign. Plus, is Congress heading towards another partisan debt-ceiling showdown? Also, JP Morgan's losses and Wall Street regulation. Joining Gwen: Jeff Zeleny, New York Times; Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; David Wessel, Wall Street Journal; John Harwood, CNBC/NY Times.

NOLA: MLNH 010342
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/4/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:20

In Wisconsin, Recall Election Watched for National Repercussions: A bitterly divided electorate. A long tradition of political experiments. The most expensive campaign in state history. And national repercussions, no matter the outcome. Welcome to Wisconsin, where voters are preparing for Tuesday's contentious recall election of embattled Republican Gov. Scott Walker. Jeffrey Brown reports.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

NOLA: NOVA 003911
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Why Ships Sink
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/18/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Are you safe aboard a modern cruise ship? Twenty million passengers embark on cruises each year, vacationing in deluxe "floating cities" that offer everything from swimming pools to shopping malls to ice skating rinks. And the ships just keep getting bigger: The average cruise ship has doubled in size in just the last 10 years. Some engineers fear that these towering behemoths are dangerously unstable, and the recent tragedy of the Costa Concordia has raised new questions about their safety. Now, NOVA brings together marine engineering and safety experts to reconstruct the events that led up to famous cruise disasters, including the ill-fated Concordia, the Sea Diamond and the Oceanos. Are we really safe at sea — or are we on the brink of a 21st-century Titanic?

NOLA: MLNH 010298
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/3/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:56

Post Kentucky, Assessing NBA's One-And-Done Rule: As Kentucky fans celebrate their latest basketball championship, the team's dominance has revived questions about the NBA's One-and-Done rule, which requires players to be 19 and just one year out of high school. Gwen Ifill and guests discuss the rule's controversy.

NOLA: JESO 000000
Series Title: Jesse Owens: American Experience
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:10

On April 2, 1936, when the 22-year-old son of a sharecropper entered the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, he was, he later remembered, barely able to control his anger. "I was angry because of the insults that Hitler and the other German leaders had hurled at me and my Negro teammates on the Olympic squad." The young athlete would channel his raw emotions into some of the most remarkable achievements in the history of athletics, winning four gold medals. To tell the story of Owens' remarkable victories in the face of Nazi racism, this film begins in the poor Cleveland neighborhood where the young athlete grew up; details his early career; describes Adolf Hitler's outsized ambitions for the 1936 Olympics; explores the movement in Western democracies to boycott the event; and explains the pressures on Owens to attend. The film also reveals the unlikely relationship Owens struck up at the games with his German rival Carl "Luz" Long and shows, that in the end, despite his success in Germany, Owens struggled to find a place for himself in a United States that was still wrestling to overcome its own deeply entrenched racism.

NOLA: MLNH 010346
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/8/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:48

Hopes for a Triple Crown Once Again a Scratch: There will be no Triple Crown winner this year. Ray Suarez speaks with Jay Privman of the Daily Racing Form at Belmont Park on the bitter blow for horse racing as the colt "I'll Have Another," winner of this year's Kentucky Derby and Preakness, was scratched from the Belmont Stakes after a career-ending leg injury.

Religion/Ethics

NOLA: FIYO 000105
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Angela Buchdahl / Rick Warren / Yasir Qadhi
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/15/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Pastor Rick Warren, Rabbi Angela Buchdahl and Sheik Yasir Qadhi — clerics of three different faiths — all have complex family histories that profoundly shaped their religious beliefs. Research of their roots unearthed a story about the spiritual foundations of this country, an unrelenting struggle to achieve the ideal of religious freedom and tolerance, but also the difficulties sometimes of holding onto one's faith and still feeling like an "authentic" American.

NOLA: MLNH 010337
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/28/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:54

Pope's Butler to Cooperate in Vatican Scandal Inquiry: The Vatican scandal deepened Monday when the pope's butler, arrested for allegedly releasing confidential documents last week, said he will cooperate with a Vatican criminal investigation. Margaret Warner and the National Catholic Reporter's John Allen discuss suggestions that a cardinal may be responsible for disclosures.

NOLA: MLNH 010325
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/10/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:42

Chimpanzee Testing: Is it the Beginning of the End? Medical experiments on chimpanzees can be invasive, involving injections, blood samples and liver biopsies. But some say it's the only way to advance medicine. Miles O'Brien's report explores whether there are ever instances in which the scientific value of research should offset the moral cost of working with chimps.

Science/Technology

NOLA: NOVA 003906
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Hunting the Elements
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 4/4/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:49:55

What are things made of? It's a simple question with an astonishing answer. Fewer than 100 naturally occurring elements form the ingredients of everything in our world — from solid rocks to ethereal gases, from scorching acids to the living cells in our body. Take a spin with David Pogue, lively host of NOVA's popular "Making Stuff" series and personal technology correspondent for The New York Times, through the world of weird, extreme chemistry on a quest to unlock the secrets of the elements. Why are some elements, like platinum and gold, relatively inert, while others, like phosphorus and potassium, are violently explosive? Why are some vital to every breath we take, while others are potentially lethal? Punctuated by surprising and often alarming experiments, this episode is on a roller coaster ride through nature's hidden lab and the compelling stories of discovery that revealed its secrets.

War/Vet/National Security

NOLA: PNRE 001536
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/5/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Drone Ethics: In the wake of White House counterterrorism advisor John Brennan's speech on drone ethics and targeted killing, we talk to Yale Law School professor Stephen Carter, author of *The Violence of Peace: America's Wars in the Age of Obama*. Kashmir Dispute: In this territorial dispute between India and Pakistan in what may be the world's most militarized region, there are direct links between water availability, rising terrorism, and religious extremism among Hindus and Muslims. African-American Spirituals: Generations of African slaves found a powerful way of singing through suffering in spirituals that were rooted in biblical stories and images.

NOLA: FRON 003016
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Al Qaeda in Yemen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/29/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Since the death of Osama bin Laden, Yemen has become the hottest front in the war against Al Qaeda. Now, with headlines about a terrorist plot to bomb a U.S.-bound airliner, award-winning reporter and FRONTLINE correspondent Ghaith Abdul-Ahad travels into the heart of Yemen's radical heartland. His first hand report shows how members of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) have taken advantage of turmoil in the country to impose their rule on areas of south Yemen. As the US expands its drone war to prevent terrorists from establishing a new safe haven, FRONTLINE shows how AQAP is taking control of towns and cities in an attempt to establish its own state. Also in this hour, the story of Al Qaeda operative Fahd al Quso -- killed in a U.S. drone strike in Yemen early this month - as told by former FBI agent Ali Soufan who first interrogated him before 9/11.

NOLA: INLE 001324
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Hell and Back Again
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/28/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

What does it mean to lead men in war? What does it mean to come home—injured physically and psychologically—and build a life anew? In "Hell and Back Again," two overlapping narratives are intercut—the life of a Marine at war on the front and the life of the same Marine in recovery at home—creating both a dreamlike quality and a strikingly realistic depiction of how Marines experience this war.

NOLA: WWIR 005151
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 6/15/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The Obama administration's new immigration policy that allows some undocumented immigrants to stay and get work permits. Plus, who is winning the debate on the economy: President Obama or Mitt Romney? Also, tensions between the U.S. & Russia on Syria, intelligence leaks and more. Joining Gwen: Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; Pierre Thomas, ABC News; Peter Baker, New York Times; Tom Gjelten, NPR.

Women

NOLA: AMMS 002503
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Margaret Mitchell: American Rebel
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/2/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format:
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Discover the Pulitzer Prize-winning author behind Gone With the Wind, one of the world's best-selling novels that features two of the world's great lovers—Scarlett and Rhett—and was adapted into one of the most popular films of all time. No ordinary writer—or woman—Margaret Mitchell was a charismatic force who challenged the stifling Southern social order and struggled with the changing role of women and the liberation of African Americans. She suffered from depression and illness and experienced profound identity shifts during her life, until an accident led to her death in 1949.

NOLA: FIYO 000103
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Barbara Walters / Geoffrey Canada
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/1/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

What's in a name? Well, a lot, at least when it comes to piecing together family history. For former slaves, choosing a last name was one of their first acts of freedom. For Jewish immigrants, it was a way to fit in in their new country. Whatever the reason for a name change, it can make the process of learning about one's ancestors difficult, if not impossible. In this episode, Gates unearths missing links in the family histories of media legend Barbara Walters and educational superstar Geoffrey Canada. Walters did not know her father's real last name. Canada did not know the name of his grandfather. Both had been unable to access their history ... until now.

NOLA: AMMS 002504
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Harper Lee: Hey, Boo
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 4/2/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format:
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Explore the phenomenon behind "To Kill a Mockingbird" and the mysterious life of its Pulitzer Prize-winning author, including why she never published again. The documentary reveals the context and history of the novel's Deep South setting, and the social changes it inspired after publication. The popular film version, starring Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch, leaves an enduring image for the novel's message. Tom Brokaw, Rosanne Cash, Anna Quindlen, Scott Turow, Oprah Winfrey and others reflect on the novel's power, influence, popularity, and the ways it has shaped their lives.

NOLA: MLNH 010325
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/10/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:32

FDA Urges Caution Over Long-Term Use of Bone-Density-Building Drugs: Millions of women grapple with whether to take bone-density-building drugs to treat or prevent osteoporosis, but the FDA this week warned that long-term use of bisphosphonates can lead to rare fractures and side effects. Margaret Warner and Maine Medical Center's Dr. Clifford Rosen discuss the risks outlined by the FDA.

Youth

NOLA: MLNH 010297
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/2/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:12:52

A Hard-Hitting Story: Young Football Players Take Big-League Hits to Head: Virginia Tech researchers placed helmets with sensors on 7- and 8-year-old football players and collected data on more than 750 hits to the head over a season. The findings are the first quantitative study of the acceleration and risk that young brains face in youth football. Special correspondent Stone Phillips reports.

NOLA: INLE 001325
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Left By the Ship
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/30/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

JR, Charlene, Margarita and Robert are half American; they are among the many children born to U.S. servicemen who were stationed on military bases in the Philippines until 1992. Like most Filipino Amerasians, they were left behind by their biological fathers and largely forgotten. Over the course of two years, they delve into the psychological and social consequences of the U.S. military presence and its legacy.

NOLA: MLNH 010344
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/6/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:16

Study: Standard Treatment Ineffective for Kids With Obesity-Linked Diabetes: Nearly one out of every three children born in 2000 will develop diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those numbers are prompting a series of efforts to combat obesity. Health correspondent Betty Ann Bowser reports.

NOLA: FRON 003018
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Dollars and Dentists
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/26/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Dental care can be a matter of life and death. Yet millions of Americans can't afford a visit to the dentist. An investigation by FRONTLINE and the Center for Public Integrity reveals the shocking consequences of a broken safety net. Poor children, entitled by law to dental care, often cannot find a dentist willing to see them. Others kids receive excessive care billed to Medicaid, or major surgery for preventable tooth infections. For adults with dental disease, the situation can be as dire - and bankrupting. While millions of Americans use emergency rooms for dental care, at a cost of more than half a billion dollars, corporate dental chains are filling the gaps in care, in some cases allegedly overcharging patients or loading them with high priced credit card debt. Correspondent Miles O'Brien investigates the flaws in our dental system and nascent proposals to fix them.

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Capitol Journal

April

4/2 A report on high-profile issues awaiting lawmakers' consideration during the second half of the legislative session. Another report on a resolution to create an Alabama Spaceport Authority, to help look at the feasibility of the state possibly hosting a spaceport. Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth story on a bill that would strictly limit the student/teacher ratio in state classrooms. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin of Pelham about her bill to bring abortion clinics up to minimal standards expected of traditional doctors' offices.

4/3 A report on a public hearing surrounding the heated charter school debate. A report on Senate Secretary Pat Harris being authorized to enact employee furloughs to help deal with the budget crunch. Capitol Journal correspondent Marcus Hyles has an in-depth story on Senate Secretary Pat Harris' role in the legislative process. A report on animal rights activists rallying on the Statehouse steps. And Don Dailey interviews Senator Phil Williams of Rainbow City about his marriage covenant bill, under which couples would agree to pre-marital and pre-divorce counseling.

4/4/12 A report on a proposed general fund budget passing a House committee and going to the full House. Also: reports on a delay for a committee vote on charter schools; Medicaid pay-outs; final legislative approval for a prison labor bill; and Governor Robert Bentley signing into law the "Heroes for Hire" bill. It would provide incentives for businesses that hire military vets. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Bill Poole of Tuscaloosa about his bill to clamp down on copper thefts by tightening requirements for scrap metal buyers.

4/5 A report on committee passage of the controversial charter schools bill. Capitol Journal correspondent Karen Brown has an in-depth story on House committee passage of an austere general fund budget plan. Also: a report on House passage of a bill that would cut legislative pay. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Greg Wren of Montgomery about a bill to create an Alabama Healthcare Exchange. It's mandated as part of national healthcare reform.

4/6/12 Don Dailey interviews State Senator Slade Blackwell of Mountain Brook about Jefferson County's bankruptcy, a bill to re-introduce a county occupational tax, and

the state's financial challenges. Don Dailey also interviews State Senator Greg Reed of Jasper, chairman of the Senate Health Committee, about the variety of health legislation pending in the session, including abortion, pseudoephedrine and smoking. And guest journalists Bob Gambacurta with The Montgomery Independent and Verna Gates with Reuters analyze the week's legislative news, including committee passage of a general fund budget, committee approval of a charter school bill and introduction of legislation to clarify the controversial immigration law.

4/9/12 Reports on expected debate on pension reform legislation and early threats to sue over pending legislative redistricting. Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth story on the charter schools bill that's been approved in committee and is headed to the full House. And Don Dailey interviews Tom Surtees, the director of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, about the state's falling unemployment rate. He also warns that jobless numbers are still not where they need to be. Surtees says 160,000 Alabamians are looking for work.

4/10/12 A report on an upcoming committee hearing on the bill that would clarify Alabama's controversial immigration law. A report on Governor Robert Bentley signing into law the so-called "Aviation Amendment" jobs bill that would offer tax incentives to the aviation industry. A report on Senate passage of a pension reform bill. Capitol Journal correspondent Marcus Hyles has an in-depth report on Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh's outlook for the second half of the legislative session. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Lynn Greer of Rogersville about his bill to clamp down on the sale of the synthetic drug known as 'spice.'

4/11/12 A report on a highly-charged House committee hearing on a bill to rewrite parts of Alabama's controversial immigration law. A report on House approval of a General Fund budget plan that would cut some 350-million dollars from the current year budget. Another report on a bill that would ban saggy pants in Montgomery County and how an Autauga County judge has sentenced a defendant to jail for wearing saggy pants in court. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Allen Farley of McCalla about his bill to clamp down on the sale of the synthetic drug known as 'spice.'

4/12/12 A report on final passage of a bill that seeks to reinstate a court settlement over the troubled Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program. Capitol Journal correspondent Karen Brown has an in-depth report on the House bill to clarify the state's controversial immigration law. A report on the presentation of the legislative medal of honor to a game warden who responded to a Guntersville plane crash. And Don Dailey interviews State Senator Cam Ward of Alabaster about his sentencing reform bill. He says it would go a long way in helping solve the state's prison overcrowding problem.

4/13/12 Don Dailey interviews State Senator Scott Beason of Gardendale about a bill he's about to introduce that would clarify the controversial immigration law he helped author. Beason says his bill is different from the House version, and that he feels the House bill goes too far in some areas. Don Dailey also interviews State Representative Jim Carns of Birmingham about the House-passed General Fund budget plan, and the huge cuts it contains. He also discusses legislative efforts to help bankrupt Jefferson County. And guest journalists Mary Sell with The Decatur Daily and The Times Daily of Florence and Andrew Yeager with WBHM Radio in Birmingham join Don Dailey to analyze and discuss the week's legislative news.

4/16 Reports on NFL star Michael Vick endorsing an Alabama bill that would clamp down on cockfighting in the state, Governor Robert Bentley releasing his tax returns, and figures that show Alabama's unemployment rate continuing to drop. Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth report on another revamp of the controversial charter school bill. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Donnie Chesteen of Geneva about proration, looming cuts in the 2013 budget and the many challenges facing the House Health Committee, including controversial abortion-related bills.

4/17/12 Reports on House committee approval of a bill to clarify Alabama's controversial immigration law, debate on a bill to require 'marriage dissolution education' before couples are granted a divorce, and a procedural vote failure for three insurance bills. Also: Capitol Journal correspondent Marcus Hyles talks with Senator Quinton Ross of Montgomery about his bill to limit corporate campaign contributions. And Don Dailey interviews State Senator Bobby Singleton of Greensboro about his concerns that state services will suffer under proposed budget cuts. He also discusses efforts to bring Greenetrack back to full capacity.

4/18/12 A report on Senate committee passage of the charter school bill, which now goes to the full Senate. It included interviews with Senators Dick Brewbaker and Quinton Ross. Also: reports on Senate committee approval of an education budget, the Jefferson County delegation rejecting a bill to create a new occupational tax, and a public hearing on a bill that would loosen restrictions on the sale of certain fireworks. And, Don Dailey interviews State Representative Mike Hill of Columbiana about the recent House approval of a General Fund budget plan, a vote he characterized as 'agonizing.'

4/19/12 Reports on House passage of a bill clarify the controversial immigration law, final Senate passage of a bill to clamp down on the sale of medications containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, and the failure of a couple of bills that would set up a new Jefferson County occupational tax. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative John Knight of Montgomery about the state budget struggles. He is a former General Fund budget chair.

4/20 Reports on House passage of a bill to rewrite parts of Alabama's controversial immigration law, House passage of a bill that would rank state schools with letter grades, and a lawsuit challenging the statute of limitations on filing claims over the Gulf oil spill. Don Dailey interviews Representative Mike Ball of Madison about House passage of bill to lower legislative pay. Don also interviews the Dean of the Alabama House, Representative Alvin Holmes of Montgomery, about his call for more tax revenue for the ailing General Fund budget. And guest journalists Kyle Whitmire with Weld for Birmingham and Brian Lyman with the Montgomery Advertiser help analyze the week's news.

4/23 Reports on Governor Bentley kicking off a week of observances of the April 27th tornado anniversary and a primary runoff election preview. Erica Lembo reports on the differences in House and Senate committee bills that would create charter schools. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Mike Jones of Andalusia about charter schools, the budgets and Jones' bill to expand deer hunting season.

4/24 Reports on the primary runoff elections, a bill to lower the school attendance age and the first criminal charge in the BP oil spill. Marcus Hyles has an in-depth report on the 'anatomy of a committee meeting,' where a lot of the legislative 'heavy lifting' is done. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Darrio Melton of Selma about his call for less partisanship in the session.

4/25/12 Reports on a Senate committee hearing on the immigration bill, Senate passage of the "TTYL" bill and a bill to prevent federal abortion funding, and Twinkle Cavanaugh winning the GOP PSC President's nomination. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Barry Mask of Wetumpka about a renewed emphasis on the jobs bills...he says the state's losing some industrial prospects.

4/26/12 Reports on House passage of a small business finance authority, Senate passage of a tax-free weekend for disaster preparedness items and Governor Bentley's plans for the April 27th tornado anniversary. Karen Brown has an in-depth report on competing House plans for a cigarette tax and/or user fee. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Wes Long of Guntersville about his pledge to keep the immigration law intact.

4/27/12 A report on Governor Bentley observing the first anniversary of the April 27th tornado outbreak. A special in-depth report on the storms and their aftermath. Don Dailey interviews lawmakers from three of the hardest hit areas: Senator Gerald Allen from Tuscaloosa, Senator Linda Coleman from Birmingham and Representative Johnny Morrow from the Phil Campbell area. Don Dailey also interviews Representative A. J. McCampbell from Linden about immigration and partisanship.

And guest journalists Bill and Susan Britt with the Alabama Political Reporter help analyze the week's news.

4/30 Reports on the Senate preparing to take a bill to rewrite Alabama's immigration law, an upcoming rally to protest the immigration law, a racial profiling bill coming up for legislative consideration, as well as another bill that would require couples with children to undergo a marriage dissolution education course before seeking a divorce. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Elaine Beech of Chatom about the House-passed General Fund budget and her view, as a pharmacist, on a bill that would require products containing pseudoephedrine to only be sold in pharmacies.

May

5/1 Reports on Governor Bentley threatening to veto the General Fund budget plan, big industrial announcements for Montgomery and Tuscaloosa Counties and an immigration rally at the Statehouse. Marcus Hyles reports on the Senate picking up its pace, as the number of remaining legislative days dwindles. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Becky Nordgren of Gadsden, who says she's hopeful brighter budget days are ahead.

5/2 Reports on Senate passage of an education budget that cuts 151-million dollars, committee approval of a new Jefferson County occupational tax, and Attorney General Luther Strange urging lawmakers to make immediate changes to the immigration law. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Randy Davis of Daphne about final legislative passage of his bill to extend school summer breaks. He says it'll boost tourism and, in turn, pump more money into the General Fund.

5/3 Reports on Senate passage of a charter schools bill, final passage of a funeral protest bill, a new Democratic plan to borrow money to help prop-up the ailing General Fund budget, and the detaining of several immigration protestors at the Statehouse. Correspondent Karen Brown reports on the failure of a bill that would have made racial profiling a crime. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Mac McCutcheon of Capshaw about his bill to set up an Alabama Spaceport Authority.

5/4 Reports on a new justice department letter regarding Alabama's immigration law, Senate passage of a Jefferson County occupational tax bill and another bill that would raise court costs to help offset budget cuts. Don Dailey interviews AEA Executive Secretary Dr. Henry Mabry about protecting education revenue streams and charter schools. Don also interviews State School Superintendent Dr. Tommy Bice about budget cuts and the state takeover of Birmingham City Schools. And guest journalists David White with The Birmingham News and Cliff Sims with Yellowhammer Politics help analyze the week's legislative news.

5/7 A report on the upcoming final full week of the 2012 legislative session. Education reporter Erica Lembo has a story on Piedmont's MPower program, providing Macbook computers to each student. And Don Dailey interview Representative John Merrill of Tuscaloosa about final legislative passage of his bill that makes looting a felony, if it occurs after an official emergency.

5/8 Reports on Senate committee approval of the General Fund budget, a House committee hearing on the education budget and Governor Bentley signing into law a bill that bans texting while driving. With the legislative session winding down, correspondent Marcus Hyles reports on the first piece of legislation to pass this year. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Dexter Grimsley of Newville, who says he's 'distracted' over the General Fund budget.

5/9 Correspondent Erica Lembo reports on House committee passage of an education budget. Also: a report on Governor Bentley signing into law a bill that toughens penalties for unemployment compensation fraud, as well as final passage of a pension reform bill. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Terri Collins of Decatur about charter schools and her film incentives bill.

5/10 Reports on House approval of the education budget and the death of the charter schools bill. Correspondent Karen Brown reports on gender responsiveness in Alabama's criminal justice system. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Alan Baker of Brewton about the budget crisis and his bill to rename the Alabama Development Office the Department of Commerce.

5/11 Reports on the upcoming final day of the regular session, with the budgets and immigration reform looming large. Also: the legislature overrides the Governor's veto of a bill to extend school summer breaks, a bill to break up the University of Alabama system dies and the Senate approves a bill to crack down on insurance fraud. Don Dailey interviews Representative Phil Williams of Huntsville about the death of his charter school bill. Don also interviews Representative Jim McClendon of Springville, the chair of the House Reapportionment Committee, about the upcoming special session on redistricting. And guest journalists George Altman with the Mobile Press Register and Sebastian Kitchen with the Montgomery Advertiser help analyze the week's news.

5/14 Reports on the upcoming last day of the regular session and the major issues to be decided, as well as the approaching special session on redistricting. Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth report on a Teacher Town Hall Meeting on Alabama's dropout rate and the decline of our high school graduation rate. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Napoleon Bracy of Prichard about his contention that Alabama's controversial immigration law is tantamount to racial profiling.

5/15 A report on final preparations for the last day of the regular legislative session. Correspondent Marcus Hyles reports on the legislative redistricting plans up for consideration in a possible special session. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Chris England of Tuscaloosa about the immigration law rewrite and the budgets.

5/16 Reports on the final day of the regular legislative session, with the focus on the budgets and comments from Rep. Napoleon Bracy of Prichard that tax and fee increases should have been seriously addressed. Also: the immigration law rewrite and a proposed occupational tax for bankrupt Jefferson County. And Don Dailey interviews Rep. Paul Beckman of Prattville about the many challenges lawmakers faced in the session.

5/17 A report on the last day of the regular legislative session, including passage of both budgets, the immigration law rewrite and a bill to raise court costs. Correspondent Karen Brown reports on the bills that died in the final days of the session. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Steve McMillan of Gulf Shores about the challenges of the session, as well as his insurance reform bills.

5/18 Reports on the first two days of the special session on redistricting and another drop in the state's unemployment rate. Don Dailey interviews Sen. Scott Beason of Gardendale about final passage of his bill to rewrite parts of the immigration law. Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh of Anniston talks with Don Dailey about the just-wrapped-up regular session and the special session. And guest journalists Shedd Johnson with WVAS radio in Montgomery and Andrew Yeager with WBHM radio in Birmingham help analyze the week's legislative news.

5/21 A report on day 3 of the special session on redistricting. Education reporter Erica Lembo has a story on a school program in which teachers videotape themselves, to learn how to improve their classroom skills. And Don Dailey interviews Senator Priscilla Dunn of Bessemer about final passage of her bill to lower the minimum school age from 7 to 6. She also discusses the challenges of the just-wrapped-up regular session.

5/22 Reports on day 4 of the special session on redistricting and Governor Bentley helping kickoff a statewide seat belt safety campaign. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Demetrius Newton of Birmingham about the prospect of losing his legislative district under the proposed reapportionment plans.

5/23 A report on the final night of the special legislative session on redistricting, in which a vote was expected on the reapportionment plans. Correspondent Marcus Hyles reports on an educational effort being mounted around a fall referendum on a constitutional amendment. It's key to the General Fund budget passed in the regular

session. And Don Dailey interviews Representative Barbara Boyd of Anniston, who says she believes partisanship played a huge role in both the regular and special sessions.

5/24 A report on final passage of both legislative redistricting plans and the close of the special session. Correspondent Karen Brown reports on legislative approval of the transfer of some use tax revenue to the ailing General Fund budget. And Don Dailey interviews Rep. Joe Hubbard of Montgomery about the loss of his district under the reapportionment plans, and his dismay with the process.

5/25 Don Dailey interviews Speaker of the Alabama House Mike Hubbard about the just-wrapped-up regular and special legislative sessions and the upcoming constitutional amendment vote concerning the General Fund budget. Don also interviews Representative Paul DeMarco of Homewood about the failed legislative attempt to create a new occupational tax for bankrupt Jefferson County. And guest journalists Kyle Whitmire with Weld for Birmingham and Verna Gates with Reuters help analyze the week's legislative news.

June

6/1 Don Dailey interviews Governor Robert Bentley about the successes and failures of both the regular and special legislative sessions. He also looks ahead to the Fall referendum on a General Fund budget constitutional amendment. Don also interviews Deputy State School Superintendent Dr. Craig Pouncey about the controversial new school calendar law. And guest journalists Bob Gambacurta with the Montgomery Independent and Susan Britt with the Alabama Political Reporter help analyze the week's state government news.

6/8 Don Dailey interviews State Health Officer and interim Medicaid Director Dr. Don Williamson about Medicaid's budget problems and a constitutional amendment upon which future spending depends. Don also interviews Clerk of the Alabama House of Representatives Greg Pappas, who discusses his retirement after 20 years and the many state government changes he's witnessed. And guest journalists George Altman with the Mobile Press-Register and Brian Lyman with the Montgomery Advertiser help analyze the week's news.

6/15 Don Dailey interviews U.S. Representative Martha Roby from Alabama's 2nd Congressional District about her recent trip to Afghanistan, the economy, healthcare reform and the Farm Bill. Don also interviews Lisa Turley, Director of Alabama's Project Rebound, about the winding down of efforts to counsel victims of last year's tornado outbreak. And guest journalists Tanya Ott with WBHM radio in Birmingham and Bill Britt with the Alabama Political Reporter help analyze the week's news.

6/22 Don Dailey interviews State School Superintendent Dr. Tommy Bice about formal state intervention in the embattled Birmingham City School System. Don also interviews State Climatologist Dr. John Christy about the heat wave, a proliferation of

mosquitoes, thanks to heavy rains in some areas of the state, and hurricane season. And guest journalists Mary Sell with the Decatur Daily and the Times Daily of Florence and Karen Brown with WVAS radio in Montgomery help analyze the week's news.

6/29 Don Dailey interviews Senator Scott Beason of Gardendale about the Supreme Court ruling on Arizona's immigration law and its implications on the Alabama law he helped author. Also: Don interviews Representative Greg Wren of Montgomery about the Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act and its impact on Alabama's strapped Medicaid program. Wren chairs Alabama's Joint Medicaid Committee. And guest journalists David White with the Birmingham News and Phil Rawls with the Associated Press help analyze the week's news.

Spotlight on Education

4/26 Erica Lembo interviews Deputy State Superintendent Sherrill Parris about some alarming research that reveals how summer vacation can negatively impact students. She also discussed ways for parents to keep their children's reading and math skills sharp over the summer. Erica also interviewed a volunteer (Megan Cooper) with the Literacy Council about the importance of early literacy and her one-on-one volunteer experience with adults.

Stars in Education

5/9 Finalists for Alabama's teacher of the year are profiled in a series of biographic vignettes. In a live broadcast at the conclusion of the program, APTV Executive Director Allan Pizzato is joined by State School Superintendent Dr. Tommy Bice to crown Suzanne Culbreth of Spain Park High School in Hoover as Alabama's 2012 teacher of the year.

Teacher Town Hall Meeting

5/20 APTV conducted a Alabama teacher town hall meeting on declining high school graduation rates and rising dropout rates. Held at the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham and hosted by businessman and education advocate Shelley Stewart, the program featured perspectives for teachers from around Alabama. The town hall meeting was actually conducted on May 6th and aired on APTV on May 20th.

The Durrs of Montgomery

6/24 *THE DURRS OF MONTGOMERY*, a new production from Alabama Public Television's award-winning documentary team, examines the story of two people who made significant contributions to the political landscape of the United States during

the last century. A Forest Gump-like story, the film covers Clifford and Virginia Durrs' early years growing up in a segregated South; then as young adults awakened by social change during Roosevelt's New Deal landscape; Clifford Durr's service on the Reconstruction Finance Committee and Federal Communications Commission; Virginia Durr's appearance before McCarthy's "Red Scare" hearings; and later in life, their return to Alabama and work as Civil Rights leaders in their native state. Viewers of the documentary will see the story of two individuals whose lives unfold on the stage of a changing nation.